



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ALAUX et al

Serial No. 09/807,573

Filing Date: June 4, 2001

Examiner: Oh, Simon J.

For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION  
WITH GASTRIC RESIDENCE AND  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified application.

This request is made in response to the final rejection mailed May 1, 2003 (Paper No. 9) setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring August 1, 2003. The period for response is extended to November 1, 2003, pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) submitted herewith. This Request for Continued Examination is therefore timely filed.

Accompanying this request is an Amendment and Response in reply to the final rejection. Entry of the Amendment and consideration of the remarks are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$770 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0091. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2003 (Paper No. 9), please amend claims  
2, 4, and 14 in the above-identified application as follows: